

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section heading and paragraph beginning on page 1, after the title of the invention:

Statement of Government Support

This invention was made with government support under Grant Number 1 R01 DE13023-02, awarded by NIH (PHS). The government has certain rights in the invention.

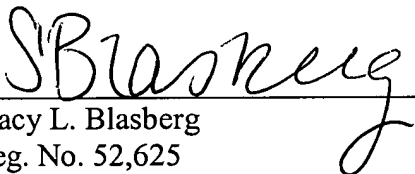
REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to indicate government support. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4054.

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